

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 128
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A RESOLUTION to recognize William E. Farmer for his astute service as Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community and political leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, William E. Farmer is one such noteworthy person, who served with distinction as Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party from 2001 through 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer has been recognized as a vital force in the Tennessee Democratic Party for his hard work and dedication in service of Party principles; and

WHEREAS, educated in the Wilson County School System, Mr. Farmer graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Vanderbilt University; he graduated in 1961 from Purdue University with a Master of Science in Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he served his country with honor as a Lieutenant in the United States Army, and he was active in the nation's nuclear weapons effort during the mid-1960s; and

WHEREAS, for many years, he worked as a project manager and a supervisor in the design section of the E.I. Dupont Company in Old Hickory; he has held a registered professional engineer's license from the State of Tennessee since August of 1974; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, William E. Farmer has been active in the practice of law, and he is now a sole practitioner with offices in Lebanon; he earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville Night Law School, now the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer has worked tirelessly in many civic endeavors out of a sense of responsibility to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 through 1981, he served with distinction as a Wilson County Commissioner, during which time he earned the respect of his constituents for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Farmer served for four years as the Prosecutor for the City of Lebanon; from 1987 through 1990, and from 1994 through 1998, he was the City Attorney for Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in both positions, he earned the admiration of members of both the bench and the bar for his concern for and commitment to justice for the people of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, ever dedicated to the principles of a good education, Mr. Farmer also sat on the School Board of Lebanon's Tenth District from 1974 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer has represented his profession in a number of important positions; he is past President of the Wilson County Bar Association and the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he currently serves as a member of the House of Delegates for the Tennessee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer is now board-certified in civil trial law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, an organization accredited by the American Bar Association; he is one of only approximately 2,500 lawyers nationwide to achieve this certification; and

WHEREAS, he has served the Tennessee Democratic Party in a number of significant positions, including as a member of the Democratic Executive Committee since 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, he accepted his position as Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his hard work and dedication throughout his stellar tenure; and

WHEREAS, William E. Farmer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be duly recognized; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Farmer for his dedication to his profession, to the Tennessee Democratic Party, and indeed to all citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend William E. Farmer for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee as Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.